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FOLLOWING IS BODY OF LETTER TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM SENATOR HELMS WHICH WAS REFERRED TO REFTEL:  
QUOTE: I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE POSITIVE ATTITUDE OF THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT AS REPORTED IN THIS LETTER. AT THIS POINT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF HUNGARIAN COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER FOR USE IN MY POSSIBLE TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO THE DRAFT TRADE TREATY WITH RUMANIA. AS YOU MAY RECALL, I AM THE AUTHOR OF THE SO-CALLED "HELMS AMENDMENT" TO THE 1974 TRADE ACT, CALLING ON OUR NEGOTIATORS TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO THE REUNITING OF FAMILIES WHEN ACHIEVING TRADE AGREEMENTS. ALTHOUGH THE MESTERHAZY CASE IS NOT STRICTLY RELEVANT TO THE RUMANIAN AGREEMENT, IT HAS BEEN NEVERTHELESS

WIDELY PUBLICIZED, AND THE HUNGARIAN ATTITUDE WILL BE  
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WIDELY REGARDED AS A LITMUS TEST ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF

TRADE RELATIONS. IF I CAN REPORT CONCRETE PROGRESS IN  
THE MESTERHAZY CASE, I AM SURE THE ATTITUDE OF CONGRESS  
WILL BE MORE FAVORABLE FOR TRADE AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED  
UNDER THE ACT. MBRE PROMISES OF "COOPERATION" ARE NOT  
ENOUGH; I WOULD HOPE THAT BY THE TIME HEARINGS ARE HELD,  
MR. MESTERHAZY'S SON COULD BE IN AMERICA. IT IS SEVERAL  
MONTHS NOW SINCE THE PROCESS WAS STARTED,AND MANY  
ASSURANCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED; YET THERE ARE NO VISIBLE  
SIGNS OF PROGRESS. END QUOTE.LETTER REFERRED TO BY SENAT-  
OR IS MARCH 25 ANDREWS-MESTERHAZY. KISSINGER

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